

What is claimed is:

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1. A magnetic bearing device for magnetically  
levitating a rotary body by contactlessly supporting the  
body with magnetic attraction of pairs of electromagnets  
5 with respect to an axial direction and two radial  
directions orthogonal to each other and to the axial  
direction, the rotary body having movable ranges in the  
three supporting directions determined by mechanical  
restraining means, the magnetic bearing device being  
10 characterized in that the device comprises a pair of  
electromagnets so arranged as to hold the rotary body at  
opposite sides thereof in the direction of each of  
control axes in the respective three supporting  
directions, means for detecting the position of the  
15 rotary body in the direction of the control axis and  
electromagnet control means having at least an integral  
operation unit for controlling the electromagnets based  
on the result of detection of the position by the  
position detecting means, the electromagnet control  
20 means comprising a target levitated position setting  
means for setting as a target levitated position of the  
rotary body in the direction of the control axis the  
position of the rotary body corresponding to the median  
of an integral output which is the output of the
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integral operation unit when the rotary body is magnetically levitated in the vicinity of one of limit positions in the direction of the control axis determined by the mechanical restraining means and an  
5 integral output of the integral operation unit when the rotary body is magnetically levitated in the vicinity of the other limit position.

2. A magnetic bearing device according to claim 1 which is characterized in that the target position  
10 setting means is adapted to position the rotary body at said one limit position, thereafter magnetically levitate the rotary body in the vicinity thereof, obtain the integral output at this time to store the output as a first limit position integral output in a memory,  
15 gradually shift the magnetically levitated position of the rotary body toward said other limit position, determine the position of the rotary body every time the rotary body is so shifted by a small distance at a time and the corresponding integral output for storage as an  
20 intermediate position and an intermediate position integral output in the memory, move the rotary body to said other limit position, thereafter magnetically levitate the rotary body in the vicinity thereof, obtain the integral output at this time for use as a second

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limit position integral output, determine the median of the first limit position integral output and the second limit position integral output, and select the output most proximate to the median from among the intermediate  
5 position integral outputs stored in the memory to determine the intermediate position corresponding to the selected intermediate position integral output as the target levitated position.

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